



# Riverbend Park Field Trips

## SPRING 2004

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**Who:** School age children 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades

**What:** Naturalist-led programs

**When:** March 10 – May 28, 2004. Reservations begin Monday, January 26 at 9:00a.m.

**Where:** Riverbend Park - Fairfax County, Great Falls, Virginia 22066

**Why:** Reinforce SOLs/Program of Studies with classroom learning. Make learning hands-on and fun!

**How:** Call (703) 759-9018.

**Cost:** All programs have a \$3/student fee. NON-FAIRFAX county schools have a \$4/student fee. Payment is due on the scheduled program date.

**This flyer can be found online at:** [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/nature.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/nature.htm) Locate Riverbend Park and click on school flyer.

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**Upon request we will create "goodie" bags with items related to your field trip topic for \$3 per student.**

**Rain on My Watershed-** What happens when it rains? Find out with this action packed program by building an enormous land mass with mountains, waterfalls and lakes, and then we'll make it rain. Find out how each of us fits in to the Potomac River watershed. Become part of the water cycle, make erosion happen, and take a hike along the Potomac River.

Location: Visitor Center

Grades: 2-6

Length: 1 & 1/2 hrs.

**Science SOL/Program of Studies Benchmarks and Indicators:**

2.2-2, 1.2.3-13, 1.2.6-1

3.2-1,-2,-3,-4, 3.3-4,-5

4.3-9, 4.7-1,

5.2-10, 11

6.3-9

**Hurray For Herps-** How does a snake find prey? What do turtles eat? How does a frog survive winter? Investigate the fascinating world of reptiles and amphibians by meeting a few up close and then explore habitats of these secretive and sometimes misunderstood animals.

Location: Visitor or Nature Center

Length: 1 & 1/2 hrs.

**Science SOL/Program of Studies - Benchmarks and Indicators:**

1.2-2, 1.7-1,-3

2.3-1, -2,-4,-5,-6

3.3-2, 3.5-1,-2

4.6-2, 4.7-2

5.5-11

6.4-5

**Signs of Spring-** As the cold of winter gives way to longer warmer days dormant plants and animals reappear. Journey on a one mile hike in search of clues to the reawakening of nature. Learn about life cycle strategies that help wildlife cope with changing seasons. Listen and search for animals and play trail games.

Location: Nature or Visitor Center

Length: 1 & 1/2 hrs.

**Science SOL/Program of Studies - Benchmarks and Indicators:**

1.2-2, 1.3-1, 1.6-1,-2,-6,-7, 1.7-1, 1.8-1

2.3-1,-2,1.2.3-5,-7,-10,-16

3.2-1,-3,-4, 3.3-1, 3.4-1, 3.5-2

4.5-1,-4,-5, 4.6-1,-2

**Insect Safari**- Insects are fascinating invertebrates that come in a variety of shapes, sizes, and colors. See a slideshow and then gear up for a safari to investigate minute mysteries of the meadow and forest.

Location: Nature Center

Length: 1 & 1/2 hrs.

Available: mid-April through May

**Science SOL/Program of Studies - Benchmarks and Indicators:**

- 1.2-2, 1.5-1, 1.1.7-2,
- 2.1-1, 2.3-1, -2, -3, -5, -6, -7, -8,
- 3.5-1, -3, -4, 3.3-2
- 4.6-2,-3,-4

**Pond Patrol**- Unlock the mysteries of life in and around the pond through fun hands-on exploring. Witness life cycle stages of the small creatures and take chemical studies of the pond’s water. Through a slideshow discover the many animals that rely on the pond for all or part of their lives.

Location: Nature Center

Length: 1 & 1/2 hours

**Social Studies SOL/Program of Studies – Benchmarks and Indicators:**

- 1.2-2,1.6-7, 1.7-1, 1.7-3
- 2.3-1, 2.3-2, 2.3-5, 2.3-7, 2.3-12
- 3.3-4, 3.5-2
- 4.6-2, 4.6-3, 4.6-4
- 5.5-8, 5.5-11

**6TH ANNUAL VIRGINIA INDIAN FESTIVAL**

**When:** Saturday, September 11, 2004

**Where:** Riverbend Park, Great Falls, Virginia

**What:** This year's festival will feature more Virginia Indian tribes demonstrating their culture including Mattaponi village life and Pamunkey pottery making. Also participating will be the Rappahannock dancers and drummers. See tool making demonstrations by tool experts. Hands-on activities will include games, tool making, using a bow and arrow and spear throwing with an atlatl. \$5 (2yrs. and under FREE)

**NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!**

**Teachers** – Riverbend Park will be holding and Amphibian Monitoring Workshop on April 3-4 (Saturday and Sunday). Workshop is for adults only. Learn how to identify local amphibians, their life histories, and their important roles in the environment. Short lecture sessions will be followed by lots of field time studying terrestrial salamanders, visiting different amphibian breeding spots, and participating in a nighttime monitoring (Saturday night). Light breakfast, and lunch will be provided both days. Saturday the group will visit a local restaurant before the night’s field session. Reservations and advanced payment required by 3/26. \$60. Call the park for more information.



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